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LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

Senate Passes Japanese Steamer, Interior and Foreign Appropriations.

House Supports the Suspension of Sentences Bill—Also Sustains the Government on Hilo Wharf Matter.

THE SENATE.

After the usual preliminaries in the Senate this morning the supplementary report of the Auditor-General was read and ordered filed.

Senator Baldwin from the Committee on Foreign Affairs presented a report in reference to the item of \$6018, expenses incident to the steamer Kina Maru, in Senate Bill No. 3, which was adopted and the item passed.

The same committee also presented a report on Senate Bill No. 4, items of Foreign Affairs Department, which was ordered considered with the bill.

Senator Rice from the Committee on Enrollment and Engraving also reported on items in the same bill.

Senator Brown from the Joint Passed Bills Committee reported that House Bill No. 2 had been presented to the President for his signature.

Senator McCandless introduced and read his bill to exempt the Sailors' Home and Y. M. C. A. from taxation, which passed first reading and was referred to the Printing Committee.

Senate Bill No. 4 was then taken up and the following items passed: Interior Department, general—Printing and advertising \$8500; expenses of election \$15,000; expenses filing certificates of boundaries \$100; quarantine of diseased animals \$625; government pounds \$500; rent Custom House lot at Kahului \$600; departmental incidentals \$3000; purchase of lot for Oahu Prison \$1500.

Department of Foreign Affairs—Incidental foreign office \$3000; expenses connected with diplomatic and consular service \$15,000; expenses Hawaiian Consulate San Francisco \$3600; State entertainments and ceremonies \$3000; expenses Executive Council \$600; furnishing information abroad \$5000; relief and return of indigent Hawaiians \$3000; expenses Council of State \$100; relief Hawaiian seamen \$1000; new instruments for band \$1200; expenses of Office of Commission \$5000.

Minister Damon also procured the insertion of an item of \$15,000 for the purchase and expense of coinage of dimes and nickels.

House Bill Nos. 9 and 11 both passed third reading by a unanimous vote and were referred to the Committee on Passed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 8, relating to extensions of streets, passed second reading and was put on the order of the day for Friday.

At 11:25 the Senate adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

House resumed at 10 sharp. The Speaker stated that Mr. Wilcox would be engaged for three days in the Police Court, in the absence of Judge C. F. Peterson on Kauai, and swore in John E. Bush as temporary interpreter.

The Speaker handed down a supplementary report of the Auditor General. It stated in substance that, acting on the resolution of the House, the report of the Finance Minister for the past biennial period had been carefully gone over and found to tally with the vouchers and statements on file in his office. All of the accounts of the Finance department had been carefully checked over and found correct in every respect.

A petition from Japanese sake dealers was read by Mr. Robertson. It set forth that the duty on this beverage, as prescribed by Act 79, Laws of 1896, was a great hardship on Japanese residents, who were almost the exclusive

consumers, and prayed such modification of the law as the House might deem safe and fair. The bill was tabled to be considered with any bill to be brought in on the subject.

The Finance Committee, by Mr. Pogue, reported on reply of Minister King to questions of Mr. Loebenstein. It was found that the answer respecting the wharf at Hilo was complete. The committee found no cause for complaint against the course of the department and recommended that question and answer be tabled.

Mr. Loebenstein did not wish to criticize the committee's report, but he did feel that the department had not complied with the spirit of the Appropriation bill of 1896 and the instructions of the Legislature. The appropriation of \$50,000 was for a breakwater and wharf. Hilo wanted a landing for ships. The landing under construction was out of reach.

Whole matter tabled.

The Judiciary Committee, by Chairman Robertson, made the following report:

That House bill 14, relating to peddling cake, be tabled. So ordered.

That House bill 12, salaries of Circuit Judges, be tabled. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Gear, special committee on House bill 36, asked three days' time in order to complete report. Granted.

Mr. Robertson gave notice of the following bills:

"An Act to authorize the Minister of Interior to issue a license to E. C. Winston and his associates to erect, maintain and operate a steam laundry in the city of Honolulu."

An Act relating to the duty on spirituous liquors, still wines and other beverages made from materials other than grape juice; amending Section 1 of Act 79 of the session laws of 1896 relating thereto.

A resolution of Mr. Achi to compute mileage of Representatives from their respective residences to Honolulu was referred to the Finance Committee.

Following bills passed first reading:

Mr. Loebenstein, an Act relating to license to retail wines, beer and ale of low alcoholic strength.

Mr. Achi, an Act relating to Tax Appeal Courts.

The Finance Committee, Mr. Pogue, asked permission to call a public meeting to consider the Income Tax bill of Mr. Robertson. It was decided that the committee had already that authority.

House bill 1, suspension of sentence in certain cases, came up on third reading.

Mr. Robertson spoke at length against the bill and the principle of suspending sentence.

Mr. Smith argued for it. He said if the Act was defeated there would be no protection for cases of exceptional merit.

Mr. Gear asked if District Judges, in their discretion, might not acquit a man if it appeared that the infraction of the law was not the fault of the heart.

Mr. Smith said that District Judges could acquit in all cases. There were many cases, however, where suspension served a better purpose than imprisonment and yet carried out the spirit of the law.

Mr. Paris opposed the bill unless crimes were omitted from the list.

Mr. Loebenstein objected to the bill. His idea was that if a man was guilty, he should be punished. The law was not only a protector but an admonisher.

The motion to postpone resulted as follows: Ayes—Loebenstein, Paris, Gear, Pogue and Robertson—5; Noes—Isenberg, Richards, Kaeo, Atkinson, Wilder, Kaai, Achi and Kahaloeli—8.

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At 11:55 recess was taken to 1:30.

CIRCUIT COURT MATTERS

Administration Asked on Estate Whereof Petitioner Claims Ownership.

Application to Withdraw Libel for Divorce—Taro Patch Controversy—Another Accession to the Bar.

The summons in the suit of the Hawaiian Commercial Co. vs. The Kabulai R. R. Co. was returned today as having been served on Samuel G. Wilder.

M. A. Reis today applies for letters of administration upon the estate of Maria J. Abren, deceased. In his petition Reis says that the estate consists only of a postal savings bank certificate for \$1250 issued in the name of the deceased, but he claims that the money was his and that the deceased really left no estate. The heirs of the deceased are, as the petitioner naively puts it, "if she left any estate," Maria Carvalho, Justina France, Umbelina Rodriguez and Virginia Gonzales, all married daughters.

Laura Berlowitz has taken a second thought and feels sorry for having sued her husband, William, for a divorce. So she now asks Judge Stanley to kindly dismiss the case.

E. A. Mott Smith took oath to day and was admitted to practice law.

Aiau, a celestial, sues J. B. King, his wife Peopoe and Look Kam for damages for infringing on his rights in a taro patch in Kalihi waena, for which he pays them a yearly rental of \$180. He simply asks that he be let alone to run that patch in peace until the expiration of his term of lease.

E. H. F. Welter has filed an answer in the suit brought against him by Keahemakani Nabolowaa, in which he denies that she has any claim on him for about \$2000.

The Anchor.

William Carlyle, who formerly assisted P. F. Ryan in the management of the Anchor, has succeeded him in the management, assisted by Charlie Andrews. He continues to deal out the cheer for which the Anchor is noted. Seattle beer on draught can always be had, as well as the best brands of whiskies, etc., including John Dewar's Scotch whisky. A full stock of other liquors, wines, etc., is kept on hand also.

Succeeds Captain Crane.

J. D. Tucker has been appointed to the position in the Water Works vacated by the death of Captain E. D. Crane. He will take charge next Monday. "Jovial Josh" is most competent and the position is a good one. A man has already been decided upon to succeed Mr. Tucker as Sergeant-at-arms of the House.

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BURGLARY IN PALAMA.

Once More the Tramways Depot is Entered and Depredated.

The midnight workers of the sledge and jimmy are still at work and are equaling the efforts of Saunders and Ah Loy who were so neatly captured several weeks ago and are now doing time on the reef. During the past week several burglaries have been reported, the most serious being that of the Tramways depot in Palama, night before last. Here the burglars first broke into the tool shop and made such selections as best suited their needs and then made an entrance into the office. Here everything liable to contain valuables was broken open and the contents thoroughly rifled. Not finding any money the thieves malignantly destroyed other property of value and departed. Marshal Brown feels confident he knows the parties and they are under surveillance.

A Tidal Wave.

The steamer Lianshing on her last passage to Shanghai from Nagasaki encountered a tremendous sea, which the captain describes as a sort of tidal wave, and which created havoc on board the ship. After leaving Nagasaki fine weather was experienced until the night of Feb 9, when a strong N W breeze, with correspondingly heavy sea, sprang up. At 5 a m on the following morning she shipped a tremendous sea forward, which carried away the bridge, and telegraph, stove in the fore part of the wheel-house, chart-room and saloon, and damaged the compass and wheel. The chief officer, Mr. McClure, was on watch at the time and the sea swept him from the bridge against the funnel, seriously injuring him about the body. The quartermaster who was at the wheel was also badly hurt. The ship was stopped at once and the hand steering gear aft shipped, and after being hove to for some time she was put on her course again and arrived at Shanghai without further mishap.

More C. G. Companies.

A ten minutes' conference of officers of the Citizens' Guard was held at the station house last night. The matter under discussion was a proposed division of the companies, by forming other companies, so as to reduce their size. It is found that the companies are too large to be conveniently handled. No action was taken.

A Little Sour, Please.

This has been a Klondike week among the stars of the barkeeping firmament. In three of the leading saloons of the city on Monday the principal mixers were told to hang up their coats and take a vacation, and are now wondering how it came about. And yet this is no "Criterion" to "Anchor" by in the "Pantheon." There may be others not so warm as they think.

Club May Incorporate.

The Directors of the Waverley Club will hold an important business meeting at 8 o'clock this evening, to consider a proposition to incorporate the institution. If this course is adopted a board of trustees will at once be selected to manage the concern.

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POLICEMAN IS DISHONORED

Two Officers Charged With Unlawful Entry and Assault.

By the Aid of Able Counsel They Make a Strenuous Defense—One is Convicted and Fined.

The entire time of the Police Court was taken up yesterday morning by the trial of the charges of battery against Policemen Kaoheloahi and Moki, charged with an assault on Ah You. A. S. Humphreys represented the prosecution and considerable interest was manifested by the police in the trial, as it may result in a change of stars.

Mr. Creighton defended the officers, and the evidence was long and tedious. It is claimed that the officers on the 5th day of February went to the store of Ah Lau in Waikane, at a late hour of the night, and demanded entrance, which being refused they broke down the doors and beat Ah You, the wife of the storekeeper. It is claimed that they had no warrant and were drunk, also that the assault was unprovoked.

The officers in their own behalf claim that they went to the store to buy a lunch, which was furnished them and that was all. There was no beating by anyone they knew of, and the woman's story was pure fiction. As to the scars presented in court, she must have got them accidentally. They denied the assault and that they were under the influence of liquor at the time. They said that Ah Lau threatened to shoot and whatever force they used was to prevent him.

After hearing all the testimony the Court found Kaoheloahi guilty as charged and fined him \$25 and dismissed the other officer.

Demand for More Battleships.

The Secretary of the Navy has demanded more battleships, and there can be no doubt that Congress will consider his recommendations. Protection is what our seaports require, and fortifications will not adequately supply this. Defense against all disorders of a malarial type is, however, adequately afforded by the liberal but judicious use of "Rainier beer." On tap or in bottles at the Criterion Saloon. Phone 783.

Shaving Cups.

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Cyclomere to Go.

C. S. Desky stated this morning that he will have a gangset to work Monday demolishing the grand stand and track and filling up the lake at Cyclomere. The tract will be laid out into about 70 lots and sold.

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